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1. In September 1950 five officers of the French Army in Indochina, one a German, deserted and surrendered to the Chinese Communists at Pinghsiang (106-44, 22-06). Two of the officers belonged to the air force and the remaining three were infantry officers. The Chinese Communists took these officers to Nanning on 20 January 1951, placed them in a prison on Usin Ling Road, and subjected them to harsh treatment.
2. On 19 February five trucks arrived at Lungchou (106-56, 22-22) from the Indochina border with 125 Viet Minh army officers of battalion level. They left the next morning for Nanning, where they marched to the headquarters of the Kwangsi Military District. These officers include twelve Chinese. It is believed that they went to Nanning for a short period of training.

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